

SEPTEMBER 8, 2004 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Renee Campbell, Vice President
James Barger, Secretary
Sylvia Robledo
Diana Wood

County Representatives

Jonathan Geller, County Counsel
Victor Wright, County Counsel LASD
Steven Jimenez, Treasurer Tax
Arlene Cox, LASD Investigator

Absent

Steven Afriat, President

Commission Services Staff

B. Eugene Romig, Chief, Commission Services
Gabriel Alexander

Court Reporter

Jessieca Pate

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Applicants, witnesses and a translator were sworn to testify truthfully, following the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 – Approved

Motion: Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Robledo

Vote: Unanimously carried

CONSENT ITEM CHARITABLE SOLICITATION

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 West 11th Street, Amarillo, Texas

ACTION TAKEN: The Notice of Intention to Solicit Application was approved.

Motion: Secretary Barger, seconded by Commissioner Robledo

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

MATTERS NOT ON POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING): There were none

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: There were none.

RECESS: The Commission recessed at 9:08 a.m.

RECONVENE: The Commission reconvened at 9:15 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Recommendation to Deny Billiard Room Business License, I.D. # 130332
Victor Hugo Ramirez & Jesus Antonio Aquino
4952 Whittier Blvd., East Los Angeles (First District)
(Continued from August 11, 2004)

Applicants were accompanied by Mr. Rudolfo Romero who translated for Mr. Ramirez.

Steven Jimenez, Treasurer-Tax, advised that the application was a new application due to change of ownership of an existing business; and that applications for public eating and coin operated phonograph licenses were also pending.

The recommendation for denial is from the Sheriff's department and is due to one of the applicant's failing the background check pursuant to Code Section 7.08.070 (c). Mr. Geller read the applicable section for the record.

LASD Investigator Arlene Cox advised that the applicant has had two convictions for possession of drugs for sale—one misdemeanor and one felony, and that Mr. Ramirez had reported only the felony conviction on the application. It was noted that the convictions were in 1993 and 1994. It was also testified to that the applicants hold a current ABC beer and wine license.

Investigator Cox reported on the calls for police service to the location over the past two years, indicating that under the previous ownership there were three calls for service by the LASD and none since the applicants had taken over the business.

The applicants, assisted by the translator, addressed the Commission and requested that Mr. Ramirez be given the chance to continue turning his life around and permitted to operate the partnership with Mr. Aquino. They also described the business location, indicating they now provide security measures not taken by the previous owners; and

advised the Commission of their current hours of operation: weekdays, 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. and weekends, 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. They reported hiring two part time adult employees and that one of the owners was always on site during business hours.

The Commission reviewed the original application completed by the applicants and were critical of the obtuse language in the section of the application where the citing of one conviction was omitted.

The public hearing was closed at 10:00 a.m.

ACTION TAKEN: The recommendation to deny Billiard Room Business License, I.D. 130332 was denied. The application was approved with the following conditions: (1) Current security measures are to be continued and additionally provided from 12 midnight to 2:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday. (2) Applicants are to adhere to all LASD conditions imposed including retention of security video tapes for 30 days, and (3) the matter to be reviewed by the Commission in 6 months.

Motion: Commissioner Robledo, seconded by Secretary Barger

Vote: Unanimously carried

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Renee Campbell
Vice President